

CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES  
February 13, 2007

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission met for an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 6:00pm at the Santa Clara Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California.

Present: Commissioners: Ferheen Abbasi, Paul Barghouth, Michelle Biocini, Leslie Harbinson, Vanessa Harsh, Zedric Ochoa, Linda Oseso, Tracy Ottey, Angela Prochnow, Alex Vargas, Anya Vo and Amanda Whitcomb

Absent: Amelia Herrera – unexcused  
Jennifer Padwal – excused  
Ashley Seymour - excused

Guests: Andy Ratermann – Sister Cities

Staff Present: Larry Wolfe, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor  
Jon Kawada, Recreation Coordinator  
Nan Choi, Young Adult Librarian

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Matters for City Council Action – none

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- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Tracy Ottey at 6:18 p.m.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – Andy Ratermann – Sister Cities
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –a motion was made by Leslie Harbinson and seconded by Ferheen to amend the following changes: IV – B10 is missing a 0, IV – B11 is miss-numbered, VI is miss-numbered, VIII – it should read “A motion,” not “The meeting”, VIII – it should read “the” and not “them”.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS–
  - A. Santa Clara high school
    - 1. February 7, boys soccer made it to CCS
    - 2. February 10, Santa Clara hosted wrestling tournament
    - 3. February 13, Senior night for boys sports
    - 4. February 14, Senior night for girls sports
    - 5. February 14, Valentine lunch
    - 6. February 15, Academic Awards
    - 7. February 16, Lip Sync
    - 8. February 16, Girls and boys basketball games
    - 9. February 19 – 23, Winter Break
  - B. Wilcox high school
    - 1. February 1 & 2, Drama Production – Comedy of Errors
    - 2. February 4, Cheer competition at U.O.P
    - 3. February 5, Swimming and diving begins
    - 4. February 6, Boys basketball vs. Monte Vista
    - 5. February 8 & 9, Drama Production – Comedy of Errors
    - 6. February 10, Cheer competition at Sacramento
    - 7. February 10 & 11, Debate tournament at Stanford
    - 8. February 16, Minimum day

9. February 19 – 23, Winter Break
- C. St. Francis
  1. February 10, Sadie Hawkins Dance
  2. February 15 – 16 & 19, President's Day – no school
  3. February 20, Mardi Gras
  4. February 21, Liturgy
- D. Library
  1. February 24, Kaplan practice test
  2. February 28, Movie/book discussion – Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy
  3. March 3, SAT prep and essay help test
- V. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – none
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. "Final Spot – Midterm Edition, January 16 – 18 – The Teen Center is hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Final Spot – Midterm Edition." Students can study in groups or individually, de-stress with some stress relief activities or grub on free food. Hours have been extended until 10:00pm.
  - B. Ski Sierra Summit, January 22 – this trip was cancelled due to lack of enrollment. Jennifer Herb will try and reschedule if the weather cooperates.
- VII. COMMITTEE MEETINGS
  - A. City Council Forum – Youth Commissioners met to continue their discussion regarding the possibility of holding a forum so as to hear the City Council candidate's platform. The committee brainstormed ideas for a timeline and came up with a working timeline for the event. A committee meeting was not scheduled, as the committee continues to wait for word from City Council.
  - B. Transportation – The Youth Commission is very interested in a transportation system for the youth, here in Santa Clara. The idea is to have a shuttle that will run between points of interest for the teens. The Youth Commission has been collecting surveys from their peers as to what their points of interest would be. Once all of the surveys have been collected, the committee will use the data to see which points of interest are the most popular. From there, they will then be able to start mapping out a proposed route for the shuttle. A committee meeting was scheduled for February 27 at 6:30pm.
  - C. Fashion Show – The Youth Commission is continuing with the planning of their first Fashion Show. A Male Model Search is scheduled for March 10, in hopes to find more male models for the show. Michelle Biocini and Jennifer Herb have been soliciting donations for silent auction items as well as clothing and goodie bag give-aways. A committee meeting was scheduled for February 27 at 6:00pm.
  - D. Moon dance Film Festival – The Youth Commission is partnering with the Library to hold a Film Festival on June 1 at the Wilcox Theater. The committee is now working on advertising to get peers to submit films for the festival. Jennifer Herb and Jon Kawada will help with the Internet advertising. A committee meeting was scheduled for February 27 at 5:30pm.
  - E. Intergenerational Activity – The committee continues to discuss the Neighborhood Clean up, for homebound seniors in Santa Clara. This day of "sprucing up," will take place on March 24, weather pending. The Youth Commission is in the process of recruiting peers from their high school clubs, to help clean up the yards of homebound seniors. Jennifer Herb and Jessica Carter are working together on this. A committee meeting was not scheduled as the committee is waiting for further instructions.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Drivers Education – February 20 – 23, The Teen Center will be offering another class during Winter Break. Sign ups can be taken at the Teen Center.
- B. Moon Dance Film Festival –The Youth Commission is collaborating with the Library and will be hosting a film festival on June 1, for high school students with films that they would like to show.
- C. Soccer tournament, February 17 – this event has been rescheduled to a further date
- D. Youth Commission Spring Social, March 3 – Jon Kawada is working with other cities in the Bay Area to put together a social for all Youth Commissions. The event will be held at the Redwood City Senior Center and will consist of a spaghetti dinner, mixers, games and a movie.
- E. Neighborhood Clean-up, March 24 – The Youth Commission and Senior Center are teaming up to help homebound seniors clean up their yards. Duties might include light yard work, cleaning windows and other minor upkeep.
- F. Disneyland for Spring Break, April 19 & 20 – The Teen Center is hosting a trip to Disneyland and California Adventure for ages 12 – 19. Teens can spend part of their spring break at the Happiest Place on Earth.
- G. City Council Forum – The Youth Commission is waiting to hear from City Council as to their availability for this event.
- H. High School advertising – Rich Casem asked if the Youth Commission would be able to help him out on the high school campuses with event advertising. Jennifer Herb will work to coordinate with Rich Casem.

**IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None**

- X. ADJOURN** – A motion was made by Michelle Biocini and seconded by Linda Oseso to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, March 13 at the Teen Center.

Minutes Prepared by:

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